TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 424 - HB 355

March 7, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Replaces the current twelve primary functions performed by licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors with eight nationally recognized and accepted professional practice domains and transdisciplinary competencies in which such counselors may engage.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, any rule-making required of the Board of Licensure for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors can be handled during regularly scheduled board meetings and within existing resources.
- According to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, there will be no significant impact to the procedures implemented by current substance abuse counselors and therefore, no significant fiscal impact to the Department.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Licensure for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors had closing balances of \$24,525 in FY10-11, \$4,147 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$57,995 on June 30, 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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